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*Changing America.* By EDWARD ALSWORTH ROSS. (New York: The Century Company. 1912. Pp. 236. \$1.20.)

The reader of *Changing America* must not expect the same luminous and comprehensive consideration of the course of American social and economic transformation as he obtained of the Chinese in Mr. Ross' *Changing Chinese*. The more recent book consists of a number of occasional essays or addresses about different phases of modern American life, which are pulled together partly by an introduction and partly by some consistency of subject matter. The separate essays contain the results of much shrewd observation of contemporary tendencies. The author points out, for instance, that the worst obstacle to peace and disarmament consists in the varying birth-rates of different countries. Or again he remarks that the prevailing political radicalism in this country, unlike that of the nineties, is "no frothing up of economic distress." The reader will be interested throughout by the citation of many interesting and sometimes inaccessible facts, by the sense of the author's close contact with the realities of contemporary American life, and by a liveliness of phrasing and epithet that sometimes goes to extremes. He might well put the book down, however, with some disappointment due to the fragmentary and frequently uncritical treatment of the material, but with the hope that some day Mr. Ross will give to the public that more systematic account of the newer United States, which he is so well qualified to write.

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*England's Industrial Development.* By ARTHUR D. INNES. (New York: The Macmillan Company. 1912. Pp. xvi, 374. \$1.60.)

*An Introduction to English Industrial History.* By HENRY ALLSOPP. (New York: The Macmillan Company. 1912. Pp. xl, 151. \$.60.)

The remark of Mr. Innes that there is no superabundance of brief guides through the intricacies of English industrial history is unquestionably true. His work and that of Mr. Allsopp, both bearing the imprint of 1912, do something to relieve the situation. The plan of the first of these books is to divide English history into three periods, the Middle Ages, the Mercantile Period, extending to 1763, and the Period of the Industrial Revolution, extending to the present. The field in which the author is most in-